



New ICMA Report Highlights Brownfields-to-Greenspace Efforts

(The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has released a new report on greenspaces called *Growing Greener: Revitalizing Brownfields into Greenspace*. The report provides information about different types of greenspaces, examples of successful projects from a variety of communities, and strategies for creative financing, leveraging resources, and open and active communications to address community issues. Federal, state, and local government tools and resources, as well as examples of non-profit organizations involved in brownfields-to-greenspace efforts are described in detail. Finally, two in-depth case studies of successful brownfields-to-greenspace projects are included.

Brownfields present unique opportunities to convert formerly blighted properties into greenspaces that can be used for conservation, recreation, transportation, and education purposes. Redevelopment of brownfields into greenspaces contributes to the livability of communities, helps to protect and restore natural resources, and benefits the economy. Greenspace reuse often relies on creative funding strategies and leveraging of resources from both governmental and nongovernmental sources.

The book can be purchased online through the ICMA Bookstore for \$19.95. To view a summary of the book and order it online, visit www.bookstore.icma.org . For more information on ICMA's Brownfields program, contact Danielle Miller Wagner at dmwagner@icma.org.